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I moved to the United States two years ago, after obtaining my M.D. and Ph.D. degrees in Japan, my homeland. In the past two years, I have worked as a visiting fellow at the National Institute of Health. I am much honored to be able to conduct my research in Dr. Anand Swaroop's laboratory at the National Eye Institute.

It has always been my sincere desire to contribute to ophthalmology as a clinician scientist. Throughout my entire career I have been very fortunate to have excellent educators and mentors, who specialized in both basic and clinical retinal research and who have transmitted to me their knowledge and experience. In 2012, I will return to Japan, where I plan to set up a new translational research program targeting retinitis pigmentosa and pathologic myopia at Kyoto University.

As a recipient of the the AFER/ Retina Research Foundation/Joseph M. and Eula C. Lawrence Travel Grant, I feel honored and highly encouraged in my future retinal studies. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks again.

Very sincerely yours,  
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